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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Alvin Torry, of Madison, DOB: 11/30/80, was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 33 months in prison, without the possibility of parole, for unlawfully possessing a firearm as a convicted felon on October 19, 2005. Torry pleaded guilty to this charge on January 11, 2006.

Officers with the Madison and Fitchburg Police Departments arrested Torry in Madison on October 19, 2005, and during a search of his vehicle they located a loaded .22 caliber pistol. Torry claimed he had the pistol for protection because he had been the victim of a shooting on October 13, 2005, in Madison.

Judge Crabb sentenced Torry to 33 months because he has an extensive criminal history, he has never been gainfully employed, and he has not taken advantage of services offered to him during previous state probation terms. Torry's 33-month sentence will be followed by a three-year period of supervised release.

The charge against Torry was the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison and Fitchburg Police Departments. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.